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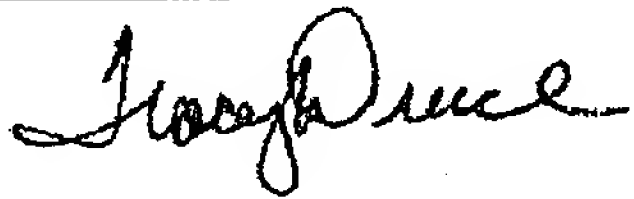
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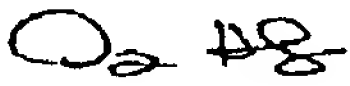
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The following is being provided in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2004. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 - 8 as presented are in condition for allowance.